

ATTENDANCE AT THE STATE CONVENTION OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST APPROXIMATES THREE HUNDRED UP TO MID-DAY TUESDAY

Fine Spirit Prevails and Earnest and Impressive Sessions Mark the Opening Meetings—President Burnham of the American Christian Missionary Society Featured Program of Monday Night as Well as Tuesday Morning—Mr. Hall, Former Pastor of Local Church Preached Convention Sermon—Program for Wednesday

The enrollment and assignment of delegates to the State Convention of the Disciples of Christ, which convened here Monday night, has not been completed, and the number already in attendance is not definitely known. The estimates furnished are that between two hundred and fifty and three hundred have already come, and incoming trains are bringing many others.

The spacious auditorium of the Gordon Street Christian church, where the sessions are being held, was well filled Monday night and the addresses of Pastor P. B. Hall of the New Bern church and F. W. Burnham, president of the American Christian Missionary Society, with headquarters in Cincinnati, featured the night program.

Mr. Burnham spoke again this morning, and his splendid pulpit ability, fine delivery and wealth of words were thoroughly appreciated.

Monday night Pastor Bernard P. Smith of the Gordon Street Christian church welcomed the visitors. Mr. Hall preached the convention sermon; his theme being the "Unusual Strings of Our Wondrous Harp." He made a most forceful appeal for the plea of his particular religious people. Mr. Burnham spoke in behalf of American Missions, portraying most graphically the "open door" of opportunity that faced the Christian people of America and of the responsibility for using the opportunities. Mr. Burnham said that only one third of the churches of the Disciples in America were supplied with whole time pastors; that another third had preaching every other week or at given periods by preachers who had a string of churches to care for or by ministerial students and that the last third had no regular preaching service at all. He urged the conservation of the evangelistic efforts of the church and said that the churches, which now were without pastoral leadership, must be provided and thus conserved before other churches were organized.

Tuesday morning the program was slightly rearranged to enable Mr. Burnham to speak in behalf of the Foreign Missionary Board and then go to Goldsboro to make appointments at other State conventions in the South. He told of the number of young men and women who were ready and willing to offer their lives to the service of saving the world but who were prevented from doing so because of lack of means to provide adequate training facilities for them and support on the foreign field. The missionaries who went abroad had to be capable of coping with ancient philosophies and to master the languages of the peoples to whom they were sent. He told of the reception that the Gospel message was now being accorded in all heathen lands, which had for so many generations closed the doors to Christianity. Missionaries were being besieged on all sides by those who were eager for the truth and that those workers in the field had far more than they could possibly do.

Mr. J. A. Saunders conducted a most impressive quiet hour service in opening the day's sessions. President W. C. Manning delivered President's address, and outlined the problems that confronted the work in the State.

New preachers were introduced and several were heard. Messrs. A. J. Manning, C. B. Richards, J. M. Waters, S. W. Sumrell and C. B. Marshburn spoke briefly on assigned subjects.

An interesting feature of the plans for the entertainment of the convention was carried out at the noon hour. Dinner was served by the ladies of the church in the recreation rooms. Thus the housekeepers were afforded the opportunity to take in the convention without being detained at home to care for their delegates.

Tuesday afternoon's session of the convention was given over to committee and conference work of the State Christian Woman's Board of Missions and the N. C. C. M. C., an address by Dr. W. S. Martin, Bible teacher at the Atlantic Christian College, and opening the session, a short devotional service led by Mr. J. R. Tingle. Dr. Martin substituted for Ashley S. Johnson, the noted Tennesseean, scheduled to make an address, who did not arrive.

Tuesday evening the following program will be observed:

7:30—Devotional, Mrs. P. B. Hall.

President's Message. Reports: District Secretaries, Superintendents, Home Department, Literature and Y. P. D.; Auditor, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary.

Reports of Future Work and Nominating Committees.

Message to State officers.

8:30—Address, Mrs. J. McDonald Stearns.

COLUMBIAN'S CAPTAIN WAS PRISONER ON SUB.

Coruna, Spain, Nov. 13 (Via Paris).—Capt. Frederick Curtis of the American steamer Columbian, who arrived here with the rescued crew of this steamship, declared to a representative of the Associated Press today that he was a prisoner on the German submarine U-49 for six days after the destruction of his vessel. All of the 109 members of the Columbian's crew were saved, Captain Curtis stated.

Captain Curtis said the Columbian was warned before she was torpedoed and sunk by the U-49. The crew was left in lifeboats and the captain was taken on board the submarine.

MEXICAN COMMISSION MAY AGREE ON PLAN WITHIN THE WEEK

(By the United Press)
Atlantic City, Nov. 14.—Pershing will be out of Mexico soon, if the present plans of the American-Mexican commission materialize. With doubt as to the election passed, it is proposed to reach a border agreement within the week.

BROTHER LOCAL WOMAN WAS ON THE COLUMBIAN

Cleveland Hamby, brother of Mrs. C. E. Moore of Caswell street, this city, is among the survivors from the torpedoed ship Columbian, and is now safe in Spain. Hamby is a native of Washington, N. C.

WILL LIGHT SCHOOL FOR FEEBLE-MINDED FREE LONGER TIME

Held That Five Years* of Gratis Illumination Have Expired, But Circumstances Cause Granting of 25 Months Yet

While it was held that the city's obligation to provide free illumination for the Caswell Training School, the State Institution for the feeble-minded near Kinston, for a period of five years, expired last month, City Council at a special session Monday night voted to continue the gratis service 25 months longer. A number of members of the noted Committee of Seventeen, who lauded the institution for Kinston, officials of the school and members of the administration in authority when the free lighting promise was made, sat in the meeting with the councilmen.

It was accepted that the municipality had fulfilled its obligation in a way, since current was first turned on in 1911. For about the first half of the period, however, the only service rendered was in lighting the home of the superintendent, and possibly other small buildings, and full illumination of the school was not commenced until the middle of 1914. Also, it was recalled, the city had made a moral promise that should the necessity for a continuation of the free lighting present at the conclusion of the five years it would be granted. In view of all the circumstances the continuation was allowed at Monday night's session. The majority, if not all, of the members of Council had several weeks ago declared willingness to "do the right thing" by the school.

SYSTEMATIC ROBBERY OF MAILS ON S. A. L.

Petersburg, Va., Nov. 13.—What is alleged by postoffice officials to be a systematic robbery of mails on the Seacoast Air Line Railroad has been discovered here. Yesterday afternoon a railway mail pouch was found in the road, near the railroad tracks, about a mile south of Petersburg. The pouch had been slit and many letters and money had been rifled. Photographs and many checks were taken near the sack. Among the checks recovered was one for \$10,000 from a Petersburg firm.

Another sack, similarly mutilated, was found near the same place. Considerable money had been taken from letters, and a number of checks were left by the thieves.

DECEMBER TENTH TO BE TUBERCULOSIS DAY IN THE STATE

December 10, and not December 3, as it was first published, is to be observed in North Carolina as Tuberculosis Sunday. It is expected on this day that every church and pastor in the State will cooperate in this educational movement as regards tuberculosis—the most terrible, and yet a preventable, disease.

The week preceding this date is to be observed as Tuberculosis week. Wednesday, December 6, is to be known as medical examination day. On this day a medical examination is urged for everybody. It is desired that on this day people step in the busy whirl of life long enough to take an inventory of their health—examining. It is neglected defects and impairments that weaken the body and bring on such diseases as tuberculosis and Bright's disease.

Friday, December 8, is to be observed in the schools as Children's Health Crusade Day. It is desired that they have the subject of tuberculosis and other preventable diseases presented to them on this day in the form of exercises, charts and lectures or as the teacher sees fit.

The whole movement is one that directly affects every citizen young and old and it is expected that State-wide attention will be given this subject at some time during the week known as Tuberculosis Week—December 3-10.

STAND CITIZENS USE FIREARMS TO SETTLE LITTLE DIFFERENCE

Messrs. Frank Outlaw and Thad. Tyndall, prominent men, fought a gun duel without serious result on a farm across Neuse river from the city Tuesday morning. Reports say that Tyndall had ordered Outlaw out of a house on the premises and produced a gun with which to enforce the order; that Outlaw also had a gun, and that both men blazed away at each other several times. The weapons were shotguns, the range was long, and it is believed that neither received a shot. Outlaw had the advantage in position, and Tyndall, alleged to have been the first to indicate armed hostilities, was compelled to abandon the offensive and retreat. The men had had legal trouble. Warrants were expected to be issued following the fight.

GOOD BREAKS ON THE WEED MARKET TUESDAY

It is estimated that around 181,000 pounds of tobacco was sold on this market Tuesday. The breaks were considered good for this time in the season, and the quality was generally good. Prices on some warehouse floors averaged around 24 cents.

COURT-MARTIAL FOR SKIPPER OF MAN-O'-WAR ON THE ROCKS

Captain Beach of the Memphis Will Stand Trial Probably as Result of Board of Inquiry's Recommendation

(By the United Press)
Washington, Nov. 14.—A court-martial of Captain Edward Beach, commander of the cruiser Memphis, sunk in a storm in Santo Domingo harbor several weeks ago, is recommended by the Naval Board of Inquiry, Secretary Daniels today announced.

No attempt will be made to salvage the vessel. It would cost between two and three million dollars to save the hull of the Memphis, and as the ship was obsolete, the Navy Department has decided to recover all the equipment possible but to make no attempt to raise the craft.

BEGIN WORKING AT COUNTRY CLUB SITE ON ROADS, BUILDINGS

Work is in progress at the grounds of the Country Club at Gray's Mill preparatory to the construction of the main club-house and other buildings, while roadways are being constructed on the property, one of which encircles the grounds. About 15 men are being employed. Two 100-foot houses will be erected on the shore of the small lake on the property. The latter will be dredged out and thoroughly riddled of all the refuse that may have accumulated in it. The roads being built will be of standard width for autos, will be well surfaced and eventually will be connected. The club building proper will be a big frame affair, containing a lounge room, a buffet, etc., and have comfortable verandas. The grounds are to be parked. Tennis courts are now being laid off.

COMPOSER OF MUSIC OF FAMOUS HYMN HERE

Dr. W. S. Martin, professor of biblical literature at Atlantic Christian College, who is attending the State convention of the Christian church here, wrote, in collaboration with his wife, the famous hymn, "God Will Take Care of You." Dr. and Mrs. Martin are from West Virginia. A son is also a professor in one of the departments at the Wilson college. Mrs. Martin was on a sick bed, and was quite seriously ill, when she composed the words of "God Will Take Care of You." Dr. Martin set them to music. The hymn has long since been immortalized. It is in use by all denominations and has been translated into at least ten languages. Mrs. Martin had no especial ability in a musical way before composing the masterpiece, which was used by Torrey and Alexander in their famous world tour, in fact, featured by them. In the year following her recovery from illness she wrote about 300 hymns, and altogether since her convalescence has composed in the neighborhood of 1,800.

HUGHES RESIGNS AS CANADIAN ARMY CHIEF

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 13.—General Sir Sam Hughes has resigned as Canadian Minister of Militia and Defense. His resignation was requested. The break between Gen. Hughes and Premier Borden and other members of the Canadian government resulted from differences over questions of policy and details of administration.

BROTHERHOODS SAY UNION MEN PUT THE PRESIDENT UP AGAIN

The Railroads Hoped for Hughes to Win in Belief They Might Escape Enforcement Adamson Law, It Is Believed

(By the United Press)
Washington, Nov. 14.—The railroad question loomed up again today as threatening to overshadow as it did in the closing days of Congress, all other questions before the administration. Conferences at New York between the railroad heads and the Brotherhoods over the operation of the Adamson law having failed thus far to bring about an agreement, the administration is keeping a close eye on developments.

New York, Nov. 14.—That railroads hoped to escape enforcement of the Adamson eight-hour law as one of the events of Hughes' election, is a belief held by railroad Brotherhood officials. Some declared that yesterday's conference over the operation of the law was called solely because President Wilson was re-elected.

It is uncertain as to whether sessions will be resumed. The union men are confident that the railroads will meet their demands to avoid a strike before January. The Brotherhoods claim credit for Wilson's reelection.

Strike Danger Not Over.
New York, Nov. 13.—Danger of a nation-wide railroad strike, which was averted by the passage of the Adamson eight-hour law, has not entirely disappeared, it developed here today when representatives of the railroads and the four brotherhoods, comprising 400,000 employees, failed to reach an agreement as to the proper application of the new law. The stumbling block both sides admitted was the existing mileage system of compensation.

The announcement of the latest deadlock between the railroads and their employees came at the conclusion of an all-day conference between the national conference committee of the railways and the brotherhood chiefs, which had been arranged in September.

COTTON BRITAIN SAYS CAN RESTRICT TRADE OF PEOPLE AS PLEASES

(By the United Press)
Washington, Nov. 14.—Great Britain insists upon the right to limit trade of British subjects. This is the tenor of the British reply to the United States blacklist protest, it is learned. It will be published tomorrow.

PLAN TO AVOID BIG RAIL MIX-UP SHOULD NATION GO TO WAR

(By the United Press)
Washington, Nov. 14.—A suggestion that the War Department make known to railroads the location of secret military concentration points, in order that they may evolve a system of routing in case of emergency is made by a special committee from the railroads, co-operating with the department on troop transportation. This is urged as a step for preparedness, to prevent unnecessary troop train congestion.

GERMAN RESISTANCE FEEBLE BEFORE THE BRITISH OFFENSIVE

Surprising Lack of Ginger in Defense of Nearly Impregnable Works

GAIN WAS CONSIDERABLE

In Ancre Brook Sector—Reserves Consolidating Won Positions—Further Advance Will Endanger Important Town

(By the United Press)
London, Nov. 14.—The battle of Ancre Brook continued today. The fighting on the northern edges of Beaumont and Hamel and the north bank, where the Germans are attempting to rally their forces, is increasing in intensity hourly, unofficial reports from the front say. On the south bank, about the St. Pierre division half a mile north of Thiepval, the Germans are counter attacking and the fighting is bitter.

The British have rushed up reserves at all three of the points taken in the lightning stroke that began under cover of low-hanging mists yesterday and continued in this sector with surprising lack of German resistance. The reserves are now consolidating the gains made where the Germans dug and cemented themselves into what hitherto was regarded as the most impregnable portion of the western line.

Military experts expect a determined resistance about Beaumont and Hamel, since a further British advance would seriously threaten Mirumont, on the road to coveted Bapaume.

German Confidence Unshaken.
Prince Rupprecht's Headquarters, Western Front, Nov. 14.—Germany believes the Somme crisis has passed. The belief is based on the unshakable opinion of the men who have borne the Allies' hammering, that the Entente can never pierce these lines of steel and cement above and below ground. Furthermore, success in ejecting the Germans from France and Belgium will make of the occupied sections of these countries a shambles and no man's land, through the Allied shelling. Confidently it is believed that the Allied offensive is wearing itself out. The crisis was passed in July, it is believed, when the combined Allied forces, with the tanks, failed to pierce the German lines in the daring initial dash. Here on the Somme France's greatest tragedy occurred in expelling the invader, by destroying Frenchmen's homes.

COLE EIGHTS GO UP A HUNDRED DOLLARS

Beginning January 1, 1917, the price of the Cole Eight touring car and the Cole Eight roadster will be advanced \$100, giving both models a selling price of \$1695. This is the first official announcement of the exact figure which the increase amounts to, although the Cole Motor Car Company stated a couple of weeks ago that an increase in the list price of its products after January 1 is imperative, due to the advanced cost of materials and labor. While not officially given out, it is understood on the best of authority, that an increase up to \$200 may be expected on other Cole models after the first of next year.

LUTHERANS WILL MEET IN SALISBURY IN FALL

Wilmington, Nov. 13.—Roanoke, Va., was selected by the United Synod of the Southern Lutheran Church today as the place for the next biennial meeting in 1918. Salisbury, N. C., was chosen for the special quadri-centennial celebration next October. The biennial session here closed tonight.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

